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1. Former Col. Ulrich RUDEL, born in Silesia in 1916, is presently employed as a test pilot with a jet fighter factory directed by Professor TREK in Cordoba, Argentina. The production is still in an experimental stage; RUDEL stated that the first three jet planes exploded when reaching a 550-mile-speed; in the near future he plans to make a test flight with the fourth type.
2. Using a German passport, RUDEL arrived at Kufstein on 21 November 1952, coming from Argentina. In Kufstein he visited one FRIEDRICH, a manufacturer of artificial limbs who had constructed RUDEL's artificial leg; he wanted to find a new method for rendering artificial limbs more resistant against changes of temperature.
3. On 22 November 1952, RUDEL went to Salzburg under the pretext to go to Mitsbuehel for skiing. He was accompanied by Wilhelm HUNDSDORFER, industrial engineer, dob 28 May 1913 at Firlitz, District Feldkirchen, Carinthia, Austrian citizen, divorced, living in Salzburg, Heinrich-Haunherstrasse 2. They arrived at 2115 hours and proceeded immediately to Hotel Elefant, where approximately 50 former German airforce officers were assembled. Approximately 30 of them had come from Bavaria; the others were Salzburg residents, among them Walter AICHINGER, dob 26 August 1916 in Lins, employee with Salzburg Baumarktes, Austrian citizen, Roman Catholic, married, living in Salzburg, Caseworkgasse 3; Jakob BUCH, dob 10 March 1923 in Salzburg, Austrian citizen, married, Salzburg, Glanngasse 6; Hermann ZUCHNER, dob 30 October 1919 in Salzburg, Austrian citizen, Roman Catholic, married, Salzburg, Sanaterstrasse 11; Ing. Ludwig ZILBER, dob 22 October 1915 in Salzburg, industrial engineer, Austrian citizen, Salzburg, Giesbauerstrasse 19; Wilhelm HUNDSDORFER (for data see above). RUDEL held a speech and sharply criticized German politics regarding the structure of a European Army; the German contribution, he said, was too weak for an effective defense and would only provoke Russian interference as in Korea. He further accused the

German government of not having insisted upon the fulfillment of three fundamental conditions: (a) recognition of the German state borders as of 1937; (b) release of all war criminals; (c) authorization of wearing military decorations. RUDEL pleaded for a German national army under German command and for a European alliance against a Russian aggression. The conference was closed at 0000 hours.

4. RUDEL stayed over night at HUNZENDORFER's home. On 23 November 1952 he went to Griesgmain where he met several officers at Gasthof Kaiser Karl. Some of these officers brought him illegally to Bavaria. RUDEL claims to be informed that he is wanted by the Americans who had directed German border officials to let him in but not out again.
5. On 28 November 1952, RUDEL returned to Kufstein and again stayed with STRITZ. After some time of skiing, he again went to Germany for an officers meeting. RUDEL's transit visa which was originally valid for 72 hours, had been extended by the French liaison officer in Kufstein until 22 December 1952, valid for the French zone only.

- Comment: Ing. Ludwig DAXER was a leading figure with Salzburg VdU and member of the Salzburg VdU executive. He joined Jordan M. GOLLOS's oppositional group and became excluded from the VdU, but later was readmitted.